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July 24. 1904

Dear Sir,

I enclose copies
of my reports for last
year as you request:
I am returning from
work, so there is one
my last report.

Yours faithfully
Grant Lutton M.D.
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MILTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. H. Grant Sutton) submitted his annual report, which was as follows:—

“February 8th, 1904.—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—I have the honour to submit to you my annual report concerning the health and sanitary condition of your district during the past year.

“Population.—Estimated to the middle of the year amounts to 12,182.

“Death Rate.—There were 122 deaths during the year, which gives the low death rate of 10.01 per 1,000.

“Birth Rate.—There were 350 births, giving a birth rate of 28.7 per 1,000.

“Deaths under one year.—There were 30 deaths registered of children under one year of age, and these are equivalent to an infantile mortality rate of 85.6 per 1,000 births.

“House Accommodation. — This is as a rule very good, and there is plenty of air space.

“Sewage Disposal.—This is chiefly effected by a system of cesspools. Closets and privies are well removed from the houses, and are cleansed periodically.

“Water Supply.—A large part of the district is supplied from public works. The southern parts of the district will, I hope, shortly be supplied by the Mid-Kent Water Works.

“Notifications of Infectious Diseases. — Only 25 were received as against 91 in 1902. Probably the heavy rainfall has, by flushing drains and cleansing the soil, largely contributed to these satisfactory figures. The cases notified were as follows:—Diphtheria 7, erysipelas 9, scarlatina 7, and enteric fever 2. Only two deaths occurred from notifiable diseases, namely, one from diphtheria, and one from erysipelas.

“Inspection.—I have made a systematic inspection of the whole of the district, and in addition I have visited premises as occasion arose.

“Slaughter Houses.—These are satisfactory.

“Dairies and Cowsheds.—In most cases these are kept in a proper manner. In one case I deemed it my duty to make a complaint, upon which the necessary alterations were made.

“Factories and Workshops.—As required, I have inspected these, and in my opinion, all are satisfactorily conducted.

“Owing to the extremely good state of health prevailing throughout the year I have not found it necessary to make a long report. I trust the Council will consider it satisfactory.—I have the honour to remain, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

H. GRANT SUTTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

